What is Claimed:

1   1.   In a computing environment, computer readable code for implementing a convenient and

2   intuitive visually-oriented technique for navigating an object model, said computer readable code

3   comprising:

4   a subprocess for displaying a browser;

5   a subprocess for retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said elements

6   representing said object model;

7   a subprocess for enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements; and

8   a subprocess for retrieving and displaying relationship information from said model when

9   said selected element is a component of said model.

1   2.   Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 1, further

2   comprising a subprocess for enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said

3   relationship information.

1   3.   Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 2, further

2   comprising a subprocess for presenting an action list to said user.

1   4.   Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3, wherein

2   said action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected one or more relationships.

1   5.   Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3, wherein

2   said action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element when said element is a

3   component.

1   6.   Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3, wherein

2   said action list is filtered before being presented to said user, using one or more predefined

3   filters.

1   7.   Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 1, wherein

2   said browser is a conventional browser.

1   8.   A system for implementing a convenient and intuitive visually-oriented technique for

2   navigating an object model in a computing environment, comprising:

3   means for displaying a browser;

4   means for retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said elements

5   representing said object model;

6   means for enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements; and

7   means for retrieving and displaying relationship information from said model when said

8   selected element is a component of said model.

1   9.   The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 8, further comprising

2   means for enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said relationship

3   information.

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1   10.   The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 9, further comprising

2   means for presenting an action list to said user.

1   11.   The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said action

2   list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected one or more relationships.

1   12.   The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said action

2   list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element when said element is a

3   component.

1   13.   The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said action

2   list is filtered before being presented to said user, using one or more predefined filters.

1   14.   The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 8, wherein said browser is

2   a conventional browser.

1   15.   A method for implementing a convenient and intuitive visually-oriented technique for

2   navigating an object model in a computing environment, comprising the steps of:

3   displaying a browser;

4   retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said elements representing

said object model;

6   enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements; and

7   retrieving and displaying relationship information from said model when said selected

8   element is a component of said model.

1   16.   The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 8, further comprising the

2   step of enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said relationship information.

1   17.   The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 16, further comprising

2   the step of presenting an action list to said user following said selection of relationship

3   information.

1   18.   The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, wherein said action

2   list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected relationship information.

1   19.   The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, wherein said action

2   list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element when said element is a

3   component.

1   20.   The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, further comprising

2   the step of filtering said action list before presenting said action list to said user, using one or

3   more predefined filters.